

- (1) Missouri does not require the provider to bill liable third parties when services covered under the plan are furnished to an individual on whose behalf child support enforcement is being carried out by the State IV-D agency. The provider must indicate on the claim submission to the Medicaid agency if the insurance company has been billed.

- (2)& (3) **Health Insurance Related Recoveries:** The MMIS system identifies Medicaid paid services potentially eligible for recovery from a health insurance plan. The system sorts the services by grouping and totalling all claims relating to one recipient for a single insurance resource and presenting those recipients with highest dollar first for recovery activity. The TPL Unit then determines whether the services have potential for recovery by reviewing insurance coverage available as compared to the Medicaid paid services. The Unit bills the insurance resource for those services most likely to be covered by the insurance plan. The Unit initiates recovery activity by focusing on high dollar first then working their way down. Each financial cycle, the MMIS system adds new services that have come through the payment system and resorts those available to be worked. Using this methodology, the TPL Unit can continuously be assured of working those more cost effective for recovery thereby using the staffing resources available to the state to the best advantage and maximizing the amount recovered. Services unlikely to be recovered from an insurance plan or those services that accumulate to less than \$200 per recipient are periodically deleted from the recovery system.

Casualty/Tort Liens Casualty/tort liens require a high level of staff interactions with the potential liable party and many cases require a State attorney to successfully complete recovery thereby increasing the costs associated with pursuing these types of recovery activities. The state will not normally pursue recovery if the recipient's Medicaid paid services in a six month period or at the time of settlement total less than \$500.00 to account for the increased interactions and attorney assistance inherent in this type of activity.

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